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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS

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1. AMB INFORMED FONMIN NSEKALIJE JUNE 10 OF PROSPECTIVE DAVIS VISIT. FONMIN PLEASED, NOTED VISIT QUITE WELCOME AND THAT HE WOULD CONTACT PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA DIRECTLY TO CONFIRM AVAILABILITY (DAVIS-PRESIDENT MEETING SUBSEQUENTLY SET FOR AFTERNOON JUNE 27). UNFORTUNATELY, FONMIN WILL BE ABSENT PROPOSED DATES DUE BILATERAL AID DISCUSSIONS BONN. HE WILL SEEK EARLY RETURN BUT IS NOT OPTIMISTIC.

2. SCHEDULE - ASIDE FROM CALL ON PRESIDENT, VISIT WILL INCLUDE CALL ON FONMINSEC GEN (AND ACTING FONMIN) NGARVIKINTWALI AND POSSIBLY SEC GEN PRESIDENCY (AND MEMBER MIL CTTEE) MAJOR BUREGAYA. AMB INTENDS HOST EVENING RECEPTION FOLLOWED BY GOR-HOSTED DINNER. ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE AERIAL SURVEY RWANDA BY LIGHT PLANE, VISIT TO SELF-HELP PROJECT AND/OR POSSIBLE INAUGURATION AID PROJECT. AS NORMAL IN RWANDA, ALL MEETINGS AND ANY EVENTS WILL BE SIMPLE AND UNPRETENTIOUS.

3. SUBSTANCE

A) AFRICA - I ANTICIPATE PRESIDENT'S AND GOR MAIN INTEREST WILL

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BE ON PROSPECT INCREASED US ROLE AND VISIBILITY ON

SELECTED AFRICAN "LIBERATION" MATTERS I.E. SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEIDN NAMIBIA, POLITICAL VOICE FOR SAFRICAN BLACK MAJORITY, AND AFRICA INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS. HABYARIMANA, AS VICE-CHRMN OAU AND PRESIDENT OCAM, TAKES SERIOUS VIEW OF OAU AND AFRICAN UNITY. PRESIDENT'S MOST RECENT VIEWS ON S AFRICA CONTAINED KIGALI 258.

B) AID - GOR WILL CERTAINLY EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR RENEWED US ASSISTANCE OVER PAST YEAR AND INDICATE NEED FOR MORE. ASS'T SEC'Y WILL BE IN POSITION RESPOND POSITIVELY FOLLOWING AMB'S RECENT CONSULTATIONS AID/DEPT. (EM WILL PREPARE BRIEF GUIDANCE).

C) DC/LDC CONFRONTATION/COOPERATION - IN ADDITION ANY OTHER TOPICS ASS'T SEC'Y MAY WISH RAISE, I WOULD SUGGEST HE NOTE IMPORTANCE LDC/DC DISCUSSIONS ON INT'L ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SHIFTING FROM CONFRONTATION TO COOPERATION DURING FORTHCOMING UNGA MEETINGS. I AM CURRENTLY EMPHASIZING THIS ITEM AS GOR'S RELATIVELY MODERATE STATEMENTS/SPEECHES HAVE BECOME MORE STRIDENT OVER PAST YEAR. (EMB WILL PREPARE GUIDANCE).

4. PRESS - NO INTERNATIONAL PRESS REPS ARE ACCREDITED NOR RESIDENT RWANDA. ONLY MEDIA IS GOR-OWNED RADIO RWANDA WHICH NORMALLY INTERVIEWS DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT AIRPORT AND/OR FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. QUESTIONS ARE STANDARD ALONG LINES OF "WHAT IS PURPOSE VISIT TO RWANDA?", "WHAT WAS CONTENT DISCUSSION WITH PRESIDENT?" (USUALLY SIDESTEPED) AND "WHAT ARE IMPRESSIONS OF RWANDA". EXPECTED RESPONSES ARE FULSOME PRAISE OF COUNTRY, ITS PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT -- PARTICULARLY THE PRESIDENT BY NAME. IT LIKELY QUESTION WOULD BE POSED ON US ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA AND AFRICAN LIBERATION.

5. EMB WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS OR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE CONSIDERED USEFUL FOR KIGALI STOPOVER. VIST ALREADY OFF TO GOOD START SINCE SECGEN PRESIDENCY RECENTLY COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT GOR SOMWWHAT "TIRED" OF FACT THAT WESTERN VISITORS ONLY INCLUDE RWANDA AS PART OF ZAIRE-BURUNDI-RWANDA TRACK. DAVIS' PROPOSED ITINERARY FLATTERS RWANDA WHICH I HAVE ALREADY ENSURED GOR NOTES AND UNDOUBTEDLY APPRECIATES (AS DO I). FRITTS
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